



## Humphrey Job Corps Head Start Program Opens !

The first Head Start classroom to include infants and toddlers will open on the campus of Humphrey Job Corps Center on Monday, April 16. With recent approval for licensing from city and state regulatory agencies, the Humphrey Head Start Center will serve children of non residential Job Corps students from the metropolitan area of Saint Paul, Minneapolis and surrounding communities. Center hours are from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

This childcare center will provide 31 children and their families with social, emotional, physical, nutritional and mental health resources put to play. 10 infants (6 weeks-15 months), 14 toddlers (16 months- 3 years) and 7 pre-schoolers will be supervised by 11 teachers. (The ratio of teacher-to-student is high because of the number of infants who will be accommodated.) Services will also include monthly 'family fun nights' in addition to conferences, home visits and educational training for parents on children's developmental stages.

Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has been working on this project for several years and believes that this partnership will be of great benefit to its students. Extensive renovation has created an inviting suite of spaces now filling with brightly-colored blocks, puzzles and games. "Our students work hard to focus on career training," said Dave MacKenzie, Center Director. "Anyone who has ever been a parent understands that knowing your child is in safe and expert daycare is one of the best ways to help concentration for the work at hand. We are thrilled to offer daycare, and even more thrilled that it is care of the caliber of Head Start."

The Early Head Start Program is part of the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties Head Start.

Registration is open to Job Corps students. For further information about how qualifying young parents can benefit from these services, please call an Admissions counselor at: 1-800-934-5627.